

TOWN OF GARNER
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources
Advisory Meeting Minutes
Date: January 13, 2020

Date and Time: Pursuant to the Bylaws governing the Garner Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, a meeting of the Advisory Committee was held on January 13, 2020 at 6pm.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm. The committee members present were: Bob Deaton- Chair, Ernestine Durham-Vice Chair, Cassondra Liles, Hope Webber, Althea Boone, Byron Wade, Tina Johnson- Senior Advisory Committee Liaison, Elmo Vance- Council Liaison, Demian Dellinger- Council Liaison. Committee Members absent were Chris O'Connor. Staff members present were Sonya Shaw- Director, Rob Smith- Assistant Director, and Sara Shaw- Recreation Program Specialist.
2. Approval of the January Agenda:
 - a. Ms. Durham made the motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Wade seconded the motion.
 - b. The Agenda was unanimously approved by the committee.
3. Approval of the October and November Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Ms. Durham made the motion to approve the Minutes and Ms. Boone seconded the motion.
 - b. The Minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.
4. Petitions and Comments from the Public:
 - a. Ms. Durham asked when Lake Benson Park opens, she had heard complaints about parking along side the road in the morning. Dr. Shaw told the committee that the park is open sun up to sun down but there are some people who get there earlier to get their exercise in for the day.
5. Committee Members Concerns/Comments: none
6. Senior Advisory Committee:
 - a. Tina Johnson reported on GSC programing. On the Mend hosted a craft fair in November and raised \$2,800 for their cause. 2020 Senior Fitness passes are available for purchase.
7. Reports/Discussion Items:
 - a. Department Updates:
 - i. Christmas Parade
 1. Dr. Shaw reported that Garner had cancelled the Christmas Parade in December. The Mayor has challenged the manager's office with bringing back parade next year. The Town had explored several options including finding a non-profit to take on the parade, and council passing a resolution.
 - ii. Recreation Center
 1. Dr. Shaw stated that the recreation center had seen a lot of progress recently, including building signage, but that there is still road work to be completed. She said that they hope to get a temporary Certificate of Occupancy next month. Ms. Liles asked if HWY 70 would receive a directional sign or stoplight, and Dr. Shaw said no stoplight just a protected left turn.

- iii. Comprehensive Plan
 - 1. Dr. Shaw noted that McAdams had done a good job at providing a thorough document for the department. Mr. Deaton and Ms. Durham both commented that they were surprised at how inclusive the document was and the amount of data included.
 - 2. Mr. Dellinger stated that he had some suggestions on how the information could be presented to better represent the data.
- iv. Meadowbrook and Yeargan master Plan
 - 1. Dr. Shaw advised that the focus recently had been on completing the Comprehensive Plan because it was necessary for the department's accreditation. Town Council may focus on Yeargan first. The department will jump back on that project once the Comprehensive Plan is approved.
- v. Department Accreditation
 - 1. Dr. Shaw informed the committee that the department has been working diligently to submit a self-assessment for the reaccreditation process. The department has compiled over a thousand pieces of evidence to showcase they are following the 136 national standards.
- vi. Committee Retreat
 - 1. Dr. Shaw asked the committee if they would be open to a retreat? Whole day/half day? The committee responded and said they would be open to a half day retreat.
- b. Announcements:
 - i. Martin Luther King Jr Program at Garner Performing Arts Center on January 19; committee member Byron Wade is the key speaker.
- c. Adjournment:
 - i. Ms. Webber motioned to adjourn and Ms. Durham seconded the motion.